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1. PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING WEDNESDAY WITH CONGRESSMEN AND A  
DELAY IN HOUSE ACTION ON THE BILL LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO ON  
TURKEY RECEIVED HEAVY PLAY IN SOME MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES THURSDAY  
(JULY 24) AND VIRTUALLY NONE IN OTHERS. PAPERS WHICH HAD  
DECLARED IN WEDNESDAY EDITIONS (SEE REFTEL) THAT WEDNESDAY  
WOULD BE DECISION DAY APPARENTLY FELT OBLIGED TO EXPLAIN TO  
READERS WHY IT HAD NOT BEEN. THUS, REPORTS BY WASHINGTON  
CORRESPONDENTS OF HURRIYET AND MILLIYET INCLUDED DETAILED  
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ACCOUNTS OF EFFORTS BY PRO-EMBARGO CONGRESSMEN TO DELAY ACTION

IN THE RULES COMMITTEE.

2. THESE PAPERS, TOGETHER WITH GUNAYDIN, ALSO GAVE PROMINENT ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING WEDNESDAY WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINE IN HURRIYET, TURKEY'S LARGEST DAILY, DECLARED: "FORD SAID: 'I'M HOPEFUL'". HURRIYET ALSO REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL APPLAUDING TURKEY'S DECISION TO DELAY IMPOSITION OF THE "PROVISIONAL STATUS" FOR AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS.

3. THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE THIRD ROUND OF VIENNA TALKS UNTIL JULY 31 ALSO RECEIVED VARIED PLAY. MOST ACCOUNTS MERELY REPORTED THAT THE DELAY HAD RESULTED FROM MIDEAST DEVELOPMENTS WHICH PREVENTED THE ATTENDANCE IN VIENNA OF SECGEN WALDHEIM. BUT IN ITS FRONT PAGE STORY, CUMHURIYET SAID THAT "OBSERVERS" BELIEVE THE DELAY WAS AT LEAST IN PART DUE TO GREEK REACTION TO TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF DENKTASH'S RECENT STATEMENT DECLARING THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE EXPELLED IF TURKISH CYPRIOTS WERE NOT PERMITTED TO MOVE NORTH.

4. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THURSDAY EDITIONS ON EITHER THE EMBARGO OR THE VIENNA MEETINGS. HOWEVER, AN EDITORIAL IN PRO-DEMIREL SON HAVADIS SPECULATED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER, WHILE AT HELSINKI FOR THE CSCE SUMMIT MEETING, WOULD HOLD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT FORD, CARAMANLIS, AND BREZHNEV.  
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